

ODD FELLOWS HALL #91

AL-VI-D-129

310 Front Street, Westernport
ca. 1870

International Order of Odd Fellows purchased the building known today as Odd Fellows Hall in Westernport in 1888. Prior to that, the building had been used as a meeting place for the Union Hall Association. The building is a large, two story, three bay wide, brick structure constructed in the Italianate Style.

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INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

1 NAME

HISTORIC

Odd Fellows Hall #91

AND/OR COMMON

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER

310 Front Street

CITY, TOWN

Westernport

— VICINITY OF

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

Sixth

STATE

Maryland

COUNTY

Allegany

3 CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY

—DISTRICT

—BUILDING(S)

—STRUCTURE

—SITE

—OBJECT

OWNERSHIP

—PUBLIC

—PRIVATE

—BOTH

PUBLIC ACQUISITION

—IN PROCESS

—BEING CONSIDERED

STATUS

—OCCUPIED

—UNOCCUPIED

—WORK IN PROGRESS

ACCESSIBLE

—YES: RESTRICTED

—YES: UNRESTRICTED

—NO

PRESENT USE

—AGRICULTURE

—COMMERCIAL

—EDUCATIONAL

—ENTERTAINMENT

—GOVERNMENT

—INDUSTRIAL

—MILITARY

—MUSEUM

—PARK

—PRIVATE RESIDENCE

—RELIGIOUS

—SCIENTIFIC

—TRANSPORTATION

—OTHER

4 OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME

I.O.O.F.

Telephone #: 359-9242

STREET & NUMBER

CITY, TOWN

Baltimore

— VICINITY OF

STATE, zip code

Maryland, 21201

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE,
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Allegany County Courthouse

STREET & NUMBER

30 Washington Street

CITY, TOWN

Cumberland

STATE

Maryland

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE

DATE

—FEDERAL —STATE —COUNTY —LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR
SURVEY RECORDS

CITY, TOWN

STATE

7 DESCRIPTION

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CONDITION

☐ EXCELLENT
☐ GOOD
☒ FAIR

☐ DETERIORATED
☐ RUINS
☐ UNEXPOSED

CHECK ONE

☐ UNALTERED
☒ ALTERED

CHECK ONE

☒ ORIGINAL SITE
☐ MOVED DATE _____

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

Odd Fellows Hall is located at 310 Front Street, Westernport, Allegany County.

Odd Fellows Hall, Westernport is a two story, three bay wide, rectangular building that is constructed of brick laid in American Common Bond. It rests on a high, coursed, cut stone foundation and has a gabled roof with replaced asphalt shingles. The roof has a boxed, pedimented cornice and a wide soffit which is supported by pairs of scrolled brackets. Windows in the structure are double hung, pegged, wooden sash frames with twelve over twelve lights. Each window is topped with cornices and was originally flanked by louvered shutters. The main entrance is located on the southeast facade and features a vertically paneled door with transom light. A second entrance is located in an addition which abuts the main block on the southwest side. Two original corbeled brick chimneys are located in the inside end of the building.

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8 SIGNIFICANCE

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| PERIOD | AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW | | | | |
|---|--|---|---|---|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> PREHISTORIC | <input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC | <input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNITY PLANNING | <input type="checkbox"/> LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE | <input type="checkbox"/> RELIGION | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 1400-1499 | <input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-HISTORIC | <input type="checkbox"/> CONSERVATION | <input type="checkbox"/> LAW | <input type="checkbox"/> SCIENCE | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 1500-1599 | <input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE | <input type="checkbox"/> ECONOMICS | <input type="checkbox"/> LITERATURE | <input type="checkbox"/> SCULPTURE | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699 | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ARCHITECTURE | <input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATION | <input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> SOCIAL/HUMANITARIAN | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799 | <input type="checkbox"/> ART | <input type="checkbox"/> ENGINEERING | <input type="checkbox"/> MUSIC | <input type="checkbox"/> THEATER | |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899 | <input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCE | <input type="checkbox"/> EXPLORATION/SETTLEMENT | <input type="checkbox"/> PHILOSOPHY | <input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 1900- | <input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNICATIONS | <input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRY | <input type="checkbox"/> POLITICS/GOVERNMENT | <input type="checkbox"/> OTHER (SPECIFY) | |
| | | <input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION | | | |

SPECIFIC DATES

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The International Order of Odd Fellows purchased the building known today as Odd Fellows Hall in Westernport in 1888. Prior to that the building had been used as a meeting place for the Union Hall Assn. 1

Fraternal orders such as the Odd Fellows flourished in the mining communities of the George's Creek Valley. According to the Maryland Directory and State Gazeteer, miners joined societies such as the Odd Fellows in great numbers in order to have something to occupy them once accidents or poor health forced them to retire. 2

1. Allegany County Land Records
2. Katherine A. Harvey, The Best Dressed Miners (Ithaca, N.Y.: Cornell University Press, 1969) p.118

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9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Allegany County Land Records Cumberland, Maryland 21502

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10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY _____

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE

COUNTY

STATE

COUNTY

11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE

John Nelson and Joan Baldwin

ORGANIZATION

Allegany County Historic Sites Survey

DATE

3/29/77

STREET & NUMBER

507 National Highway

TELEPHONE

777-5967

CITY OR TOWN

La Vale

STATE

Maryland

The Maryland Historic Sites Inventory was officially created by an Act of the Maryland Legislature, to be found in the Annotated Code of Maryland, Article 41, Section 181 KA, 1974 Supplement.

The Survey and Inventory are being prepared for information and record purposes only and do not constitute any infringement of individual property rights.

RETURN TO: Maryland Historical Trust
The Shaw House, 21 State Circle
Annapolis, Maryland 21401
(301) 267-1438

TITLE SEARCH

Odd Fellows Hall #91
310 Front Street, Westernport
AL-VI-D-129

Allegany County Deed: Liber 65, Folio 72
Grantee: Odd Fellows Hall(Philos Lodge #91) Date: June 13, 1888
Grantor: E.J. Fredlock Consideration: \$1000.00

Allegany County Deed: Liber 44, Folio 237
Grantee: Union Hall Assn. Date:
Grantor: James Moorison-Trustee for will of John Morrison Consideration: \$224.87

Allegany County Deed: Liber 19, Folio 622
Grantee: Union Hall Assn. Date: April 23, 1861
Grantor: Thomas Hammond of Fredrick County Consideration: \$125.00
Notes: Military Lot #3905

DATE: 3/29/77

REMODELING: Drastic, moderate, minor

NAME OF PROPERTY: Odd Fellows Hall #91LOCATION OF PROPERTY: 310 Front Street, WesternportDIRECTION DWELLING FACES: SoutheastNAME OF OWNER: I.O.O.F. Mr. Lees- 359-9242

ADDRESS: _____

Baltimore, Maryland 21201

STORIES: 1() 2(X) 3() 4() 5() 6() BAYS: 1() 2() 3(X) 4() 5() 6() 7() ()

WINGS, ADDITIONS: Rear brickDwelling Shape: (square, cross, rectangular)

WALL CONSTRUCTION:

- () FRAME: Bevel, clapboard, weatherboard, wood shingles, board & batten (type?)
(X) BRICK: Bond type- common, English, Flemish. Sketch variants. 8/1
() STONE: Bond type- rubble, ashlar (random or regular), quoins-plain, rusticated
() LOG
() Other: Coverings

WALL FEATURES: BELT COURSE, PILASTERS, OTHERS _____

FOUNDATIONS: HIGH, LOW, BRICK, STONE

WATER TABLE: NONE, PLAIN, BEVELED, MOULDED BRICK

WINDOWS, TRIM, SHUTTERS: 1/1() 2/2() 6/6() 9/6() 9/9() other(X) shutters- 12/12
pegged (X) nailed() wide () narrow () mitred () pediment (X)ENTRANCE, DOORS: LOCATION: Southwest

HARDWARE: original() replaced(X)

FAN LIGHT, TRANSOM, SIDE LIGHTS, PLAIN

Paneled, Verticle, Horizontal BoardsCORNICHE, BARGE, EAVES: (crown, fascia, soffit, bed)

original(X) replaced() Rafter Ends, Modillions, Dentils, Frieze,

Brackets Architrave

ROOF: GABLE FRONT, GABLE FLANK, HIP, SHED, MANSARD, GAMBREL, FLAT, DORMERS #MATERIAL: wood shingles, slate, tin, asphalt original() replaced(X)

PORCHES: SHAPE OF ROOF - shed() hip() gable()

CHIMNEYS: NUMBER 2 BRICK(X) STONE() CORBELED(X) original(X) replaced()LOCATION: Flush end() Inside end(X) Outside end() Central() Interior()

ARCHES: Door and window: Keystone, Flat, Segmental, Semicircular

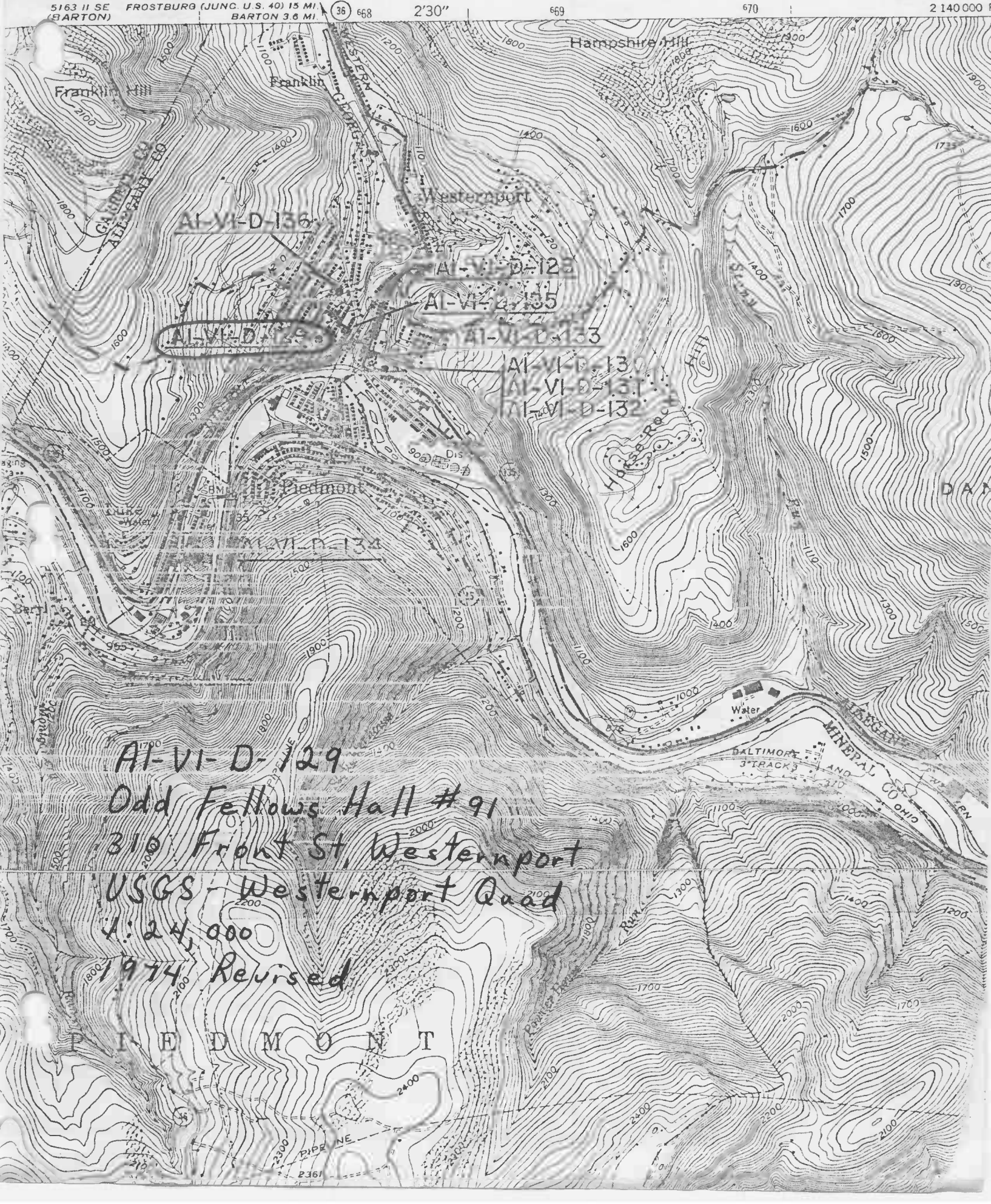
COMMENTS:

Use - Head Start-HRD

Significance - Architecture

Date Constructed - ca. 1865

Condition - Fair





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Odd Fellows Hall

310 Front St., Westport

John E. Nelson

3/29/77

North - Northeast



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Odd Fellows Hall

310 Front Street, Westport

John E. Nelson

3/29/77

WEST - North west